

WEAVING A NET
AROUND MACHEN

(Continued from First Page.)

M. Gilpin, a clerk in the Treasury Department, Comptroller's division, was the first witness of the day in the Mochen trial. He identified a letter authorizing Diller B. Groff to sign the name of the firm of Groff Brothers. Mr. Taggart had been in a letter assigning to Diller B. Groff one-half interest in the Groff fastener, invented by Samuel A. Groff.

Joseph Harper, a notary, identified the power of attorney as having been attested before him. It was signed September 12, 1903.

Major James E. Bell, superintendent of city delivery in the Washington post-office, was the next witness. He was acquainted with both the Groffs. He identified the Groff fastener, an expedient plan to the jury. The old plan consisted of two bands around the box, which caught in four holes in the back of the post. That was unsatisfactory, as the workmen could not see what they were doing in attaching the box to the post. With the Groff plan the former trouble was obviated. The attachment on the box slid into the attachment on the post and the box became automatically locked in the post. The old plan required two men in putting up boxes, while but one was necessary in using the Groff fastener.

Inspected New Invention.
Boxes which were changed from the old to the Groff fasteners were marked by holes, but they were plugged with a preparation of rubber. Witness first saw the Groff device at the home of Diller B. Groff, 301 I Street. He went there at the request of Samuel. He did not remember, but thought he must have had some subsequent conversation with the Groffs about the fastener. He thought the first conversation was in the latter part of 1903, and was under the impression the article was in process of being patented at that time.

Groff fasteners were adopted as supplies, and the first installments reached Major Bell's office about July 1, 1904. The witness knew some one was charged with fixing the device on the posts, but did not know who made the contract. His office had no power to make the contract, as it would have to be made by the Postoffice Department. The only record he could find was the authority to pay for the device. Major Bell identified an order, signed in 1903, for the payment for fasteners. The defense objected to its introduction on the ground of the statute of limitation.

Douglas States Objections.
Another objection to the paper was made by Mr. Douglas. The prosecution had not established even prima facie evidence of a conspiracy. Not a word had been introduced to show the relations between the parties.

"When we have evidence of an overt act I will rule on the question of the necessity for them proving a prima facie conspiracy before offering evidence of further overt acts," said Judge Pritchard.

Mr. Bell then identified the order again. "I object to Mr. Taggart leading the witness," broke in Mr. Maddox. "Oh, he can't help it, he does it so often," said Mr. Douglas in a sad voice.

"I am trying to help you gentlemen in that respect as much as possible," said Justice Pritchard, as he warned Mr. Taggart to stop leading. Mr. Taggart, in the face of these gentle hints, then calmly read the papers which had been identified but not admitted, and got almost through them before stopped. He worked this in as an answer to Justice Pritchard's question about what the papers were.

"My friend's conduct challenges admiration," said Mr. Douglas. "He might as well continue and read all the papers."

"No Connection With Case."
Mr. Douglas insisted that the orders were dated before July 1, 1900, are the statute of limitations. He never proved that the orders had any connection with the crime of July 1, 1900, as the crime was the mere device and the prosecution should go to the time since then.

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No Report Made.
"Yes, it was unusual to have the device introduced without some request for it from the postmaster," said the witness. A report on the device was usually made by the witness, as was usually done in ordering new supplies. He said if he had been asked his report would have been highly favorable. Everybody who came into contact with it wanted the fastener.

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"No Dispute Over Device."
"There has never been any dispute that the Groff fastener was a splendid device," admitted Mr. Beach, in answer to a question from Mr. Kummer. "I cannot understand why you are taking up this time of the court with this matter since counsel have agreed on the merits of the device. You will keep on talking about it until you disagree. Proceed with something else." With those remarks Justice Pritchard ended the examination of Major Bell.

"Man About Town."
Harris Atchison, the next witness, George E. Lorenz, but did not know that he remembered Mrs. Lorenz. Lorenz boarded at his home in Cleveland's second apartment. Witness knew Machen as "a man about town." Machen never visited his house. Lorenz Machen rode up to his house in Machen's carriage, but the latter did not enter the house.

Irene Shafer, a middle-aged woman, had known Henry Lorenz, who had boarded with her. Mr. Taggart asked her under what circumstances she became acquainted with George Lorenz. There was an objection, and the jury retired, while the point was argued. Mr. Taggart said he would show that George and Henry Lorenz visited each other, and hence could not identify George E. Lorenz, and she was allowed to go.

Ina Liebhart Missing.
Ina S. Liebhart, Machen's \$1,800 chief clerk, was called, but could not be found.

E. A. Smith, for five years cashier at the Raleigh Hotel, was called. He identified Raleigh registers for 1901, 1902, and 1903.

William Supp, assistant superintendent of free delivery in the Toledo, Ohio, postoffice, was called. He had known Lorenz since 1887, and also knew Machen. He identified the signature of Lorenz on the Raleigh register on January 31 and July 27, 1901. Counsel for the defense admitted the signatures.

Charles F. Boss, the clerk in the free delivery division, was the first witness after recess. He identified books from his office.

Ina Liebhart was the next witness. She said she was a stenographer in Machen's office in 1902. She identified the handwriting on the back of a letter as hers, and identified letters in the copy book as signed by Machen.

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VOTE ON TIMES COUPON
GAUGE OF SENTIMENT

Seventy-five Per Cent of the Replies Favor 8:30 to 4 o'clock as the Official Workday.

The Times coupon by which Government employees and others were given opportunity to express their preference of hours for the Government workday has served its purpose of a simple and effective medium of gaining an insight into the sentiment on the subject.

Substantially 75 per cent of the very large number of coupons received favor 8:30 to 4 o'clock as the day. The supporters of the present hours, 9 to 4:30 o'clock, however, maintain that their side has not been proportionately represented, asserting that naturally these

who wish a change from present conditions would respond more readily to an opportunity such as The Times offered.

The plan has served, too, to bring out many letters from Times readers in which the conditions of work, the daily habits of life and the division of recreation and home hours have been illustrated and argued in new ways, and light thrown upon the question from points that would otherwise be overlooked.

In all ways the plan has proved its success.

WEST VIRGINIA CLANS CONFERENCE
Senator Scott's Fate in the Balance.

FRIENDS SURE OF SUCCESS
Prominent Republican Leaders From Mountains in All-Day Meeting at Raleigh.

Prominent Republican political leaders and citizens from all parts of West Virginia met at the Raleigh today in an attempt to settle the trouble between the factions struggling to dictate the nominations for governor and Senator next year and to discuss the question of tax reform, which is an important matter in the State just at present.

Among those present were Senators Scott and Ekins, Governor A. B. White, Postmaster G. A. Petty, of Charleston; State Auditor A. C. Schorr; wardens of the penitentiary at Moundsville, C. E. Haddock; Major C. D. Elliott; Gen. E. L. Rogers, Thomas E. Davis, collector of internal revenue for the Charleston district; Col. Paul Grosscup, Virgil L. Highland, J. W. Dawson, chairman of the State Republican Committee; Schrab, C. F. Foster, Enoch Fitzgerald, C. S. Denham, George W. Curtin, N. G. Keim, W. E. Statters, J. A. Jarrett, C. F. Dorr, C. F. Teeter, W. B. Herbert and A. L. Shaw. All are prominent party men and the majority are officeholders. The meeting was called at noon and was executive.

It was learned, however, that the matter most talked over was the successor to Governor White, whose term ends next fall. It was said the most powerful man at present is Mr. Dawson. As to the Senatorship, it was said by friends of the incumbent that while A. E. Caldwell, the rival of Senator Scott, is developing much strength, he has little chance of defeating the Senator.

In the matter of taxation it was said that it is the intention to frame a law equalizing the rates throughout the State. To do this taxes are to be lowered at some points and increased at others. The meeting is to be continued all day.

HOLMES CONRAD ILL IN HIS VIRGINIA HOME
Holmes Conrad, senior counsel for the Government in the prosecution of the Postoffice frauds, is at his home in Winchester, Va., threatened with typhoid fever. While his condition is not considered critical, it will most likely prevent him from taking part in the trial of W. A. Machen.

Mr. Conrad's illness is believed to be due principally to overwork. He was ill in Washington last Friday, and it was at first believed he had symptoms of pneumonia. In spite of his illness he went to Winchester Saturday to attend the wedding there of his daughter, Katherine Brook, to Edward Hamlin, of Boston, Mass.

DIED.
CLARKSON—On Saturday, January 17, 1904, at 10:30 p. m., AMANDA, wife of John F. Clarkson, and mother of Frank B. Clarkson and Mrs. Cecilia M. Johnston.

Funeral from the residence of her daughter, at Cleveland Park, on Tuesday, January 19, at 9:30 a. m. Requiem mass at St. Ann's, Tenleytown, at 10 o'clock.

Philadelphia papers please copy. 31
WOODEND—On Saturday, January 16, 1904, HENRY R. Woodend, husband of Fanny A. Woodend, and son of the late William R. Woodend, of Portsmouth, Va.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 1212 D Street northeast. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Portsmouth papers please copy. 31
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Home Needs in the Basement.
Galvanized Iron Ash Cans, Regular size, corrugated sides, 29-gallon size, 98c.

Long-handle Ash Shovels, galvanized iron, extra quality, 9c.

5,000 Crystal Glass Water Tumblers, Each at, 19c.

Family size Galvanized Iron Wash Tubs, 29c.

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The Grand Clothes Wringer, family size; rubber vulcanized on shaft, Special, \$1.19.

4-quart Galvanized Iron Water Pail, 15c.

H. C. EVANS CALLS
AT OLD OFFICE

Holds Reception With Ware in Pension Bureau.

"CHAT" WITH COMMISSIONER
Henry Clay Evans, the United States consul general at London, called on Secretary Hay at the State Department this morning and paid his respects to Secretary Hay.

Mr. Evans arrived in Washington last night and will be at the Shoreham Hotel for some time. Mrs. Evans accompanied Mr. Evans to this country, and will come to Washington from New York in a few days.

Mr. Evans went to the Pension Department today and called on his friends there. Yesterday while he was resting at the Shoreham many of his former subordinates called on him and talked over old times with him. This morning Commissioner Ware and Mr. Evans had a pleasant chat and a short reception.

The consul general went later to the White House.

DEATH FOLLOWS WATERSPOUT.
BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, Jan. 18.—A waterspout yesterday destroyed three hotels and many houses here. The number of dead is not yet known. Hundreds have been left homeless.

CAPT. HOBSON'S MOTHER DEAD.
BOULDER, Col., Jan. 18.—The mother of Capt. Richard P. Hobson died at the home of Shirley Davis yesterday, after a long illness. Her son was with her when she died, and will leave with the body today for Greensboro, Ala. Mrs. Hobson came to Boulder last summer for her health. She was seventy years of age.

Engagement Broken.
Eckstein, in answer to questions, said that he slept in the spare room at the Bechtel home on October 17; that he was deeply in love with Mabel, but that the engagement had been broken off on account of her infatuation for Weisenberger. They had, however, partly made up, and he was to receive her final answer as to her marriage on the Monday night that he called, but did not find her home. He admitted quarreling frequently with the girl over the attentions of other men, and that sometimes he had struck her. Once Mabel attacked him with a butcher knife.

Gave Her Advice.
The witness said he was a favorite with all the Bechtels except Tom, who was quiet and sometimes surly. Mrs. Bechtel, the witness said, had told Mabel to make all the money she could out of other men.

Lawyer Schaudt tried to show that Eckstein was at the Bechtel home after he had parted from Mabel that Sunday night, but the witness said he believed he admitted that he had said to Mabel: "You are trying to put me into the grave, but you may get there first."

When asked whether he had not struck, threatened, and even bitten Mabel, Eckstein said: "I was merely giving her advice."

ADMIRAL ASKS MONEY FOR TARGET PRACTICE
Rear Admiral Henry C. Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, has called the attention of the House Committee on Naval Affairs to the steady improvement in the marksmanship of the United States Navy.

Target practice has made improvement in the shooting of gunners possible, and Admiral Taylor urges that appropriations for such practice be continued.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH UNVEILS STUART TABLET
A tablet of bronze, set in green marble, was unveiled and dedicated yesterday to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Albert Rhett Stuart, for twenty-six years pastor of Christ Church, Georgetown.

The tablet was erected by the parish. A resolution, read by H. S. Matthews, registrar of the parish, was adopted expressing the high esteem in which the late pastor was held. The Rev. James H. W. Blake, the present pastor of Christ Church, read the memorial service, and an eloquent eulogy was pronounced by the Rev. J. A. Aspinwall, of the Episcopal diocese.

STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PNEUMATIC WATER WORKS COMPANY are hereby notified that a statement of the condition of the company, as required of stockholders, will be filed with the Recorder of Deeds at 1200 F St. N. W., on Tuesday, January 19, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m.

OFFICERS AND MEN OF UNION VETERANS' UNION residents who will join National Union Veterans' Union, Roosevelt Campaign Club address WILLIAM HOWARD MILLS, Box 71, this office, Jan. 18.

WASHINGTON, D. C., JAN. 16, 1904. We hereby certify that the amount of capital stock of the J. Maury Dove Company, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is \$200,000, of which is fully paid; that the company's books have increased \$20,000, and the amount of existing debts of said company at this date is \$20,000.

W. H. BAUM, President.
W. HAMILTON SMITH, Secretary.
M. A. COUGHLIN, Treasurer.
W. M. DOVE, Trustee.

STATEMENT OF THE SUBURBAN DRUG AND CHEMICAL COMPANY.
Capital stock, \$5,000.00
Capital stock issued, \$5,000.00
Total indebtedness, \$10,000.00
W. W. FENTRESS, Sec'y. J. H. BUSCHER, Pres. Sworn to and filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds as required by law.

OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY. January 15, 1904. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company for the election of directors and for the election of officers of the company, will be held at the office of the company, 415 Tenth Street, on Tuesday, January 19, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 6 o'clock p. m. WILLIAM J. BISHOP, Secretary.

NOTICE. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Pottery Market Association will be held at its office room, 157 H. St. N. W., in this city, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m.

OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia, will be held at the office of the company, 302 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., on MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. By the charter of the company, the election of seven managers to conduct the affairs of the company is required to be held at the above time and place. The sixth article of the by-laws of the company is provided: "At the annual meeting of the company, the managers in order shall be the appointment of a chairman, who shall conduct the meeting and election in accordance with the act of incorporation, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 6 p. m."

Amount of premium received, \$2,705,044.15
Amount of cash on hand, 10,005.32
Securities, 227,501.00
Real Estate, 75,200.00
Office furniture and fixtures, 500.00
Losses by fire, adjusted and 5,738.32

The annual statement will be ready for distribution at the office of the company about January 25, 1904. By order of the board of managers, PIERCE BOTLER, Secretary.

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